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## REMARKS

Pursuant to Patent Prosecution Highway pilot program, it is hereby requested that the present application participates in the program.

Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-513408 based on PCT/JP2004/010645 from which the present U.S. national stage application is based was granted by the Japan Patent Office (Office of first filing) on September 22, 2006 and published on December 13, 2006 as Japanese Patent No. 3858048.

The present application has been amended to be consistent with the scope of above mentioned granted Japanese Patent.

It is confirmed that no reference was cited during the patent examination in Japan, and an English translation of the claims submitted hereby substantially corresponds to the granted claims by JPO.

Therefore, it is believed that the present application is eligible to participate in Patent Prosecution Highway pilot program

Please examine the application based on the PPH pilot program.

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